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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL INVITATION TO ENERGY CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 4153 AND 4156

1. IN ABSENCE OF CHANCELLOR, WHO IS OUT OF TOWN, AND OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO IS RECUPERATING FROM HIS RECENT OPERATION, I DELIVERED THE PRESIDENT'S INVITATION TO THE PROPOSED ENERGY CONFERENCE TO ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER FRANK. I ALSO LEFT A COPY OF THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO OPEC COUNTRIES. AFTER READING THE LETTER TO THE CHANCELLOR, FRANK SAID THAT HE WOULD SPEEDILY NOTIFY THE CHANCELLOR AND ACTIVATE PROMPT PREPARATION OF A REPLY. THE FRG WILL, OF COURSE, EXAMINE CAREFULLY THE ROLE IT CAN PLAY IN ITS CURRENT CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF EC COUNCIL. THE FRG IS INTERESTED IN EC'S ASSUMING A ROLE IN THIS UNDERTAKING. THE FRG
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WILL ALSO WISH TO EXAMINE SUITABILITY OF PROPOSED DATE (FEBRUARY 11) FOR CONFERENCE. FRANK INDICATED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL, WHO, HE SAID, IS MAKING A REMARKABLE RECOVERY FROM SURGERY, WILL UNDOUBTEDLY WISH TO REPRESENT THE FRG. THIS MIGHT ALSO OFFER AN

OPPORTUNITY FOR A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY FOR A
REVIEW OF US-FRG BILATERAL QUESTIONS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MY CALLING HIS ATTENTION TO THE
EMBARGO ON PUBLICATION AND OUR INTENT TO PUBLISH TEXTS
OF PRESIDENT'S LETTERS ON JANUARY 10, FRANK POSED THE
QUESTION WHETHER PUBLICATION WAS ADVISABLE. HE
THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT CONVEY AN IMPRESSION OF HASTE,
BEFORE THE USG HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE REACTIONS
FROM RECIPIENTS OF LETTERS. I NOTED THAT, IN VIEW OF
NUMBER OF ADDRESSEES, IT WAS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT
TEXTS COULD BE KEPT SECRET IN ANY EVENT. FRANK NODDED
IN ASSENT.

3. FRANK TOOK THE OCCASION OF MY CALL TO COMMENT
BRIEFLY ON THE NEED FOR CONCERTED ACTION IN THE ENERGY
FIELD BY SAYING THAT THE PROFOUND WORLDWIDE STRUCTURAL
CHANGES WHICH WOULD COME IN THE WAKE OF THE ENERGY
CRISIS ARE BECOMING EVIDENT, AND THAT IT APPEARS ITS
INSTIGATORS MAY NOW BE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS REGARDING
INDISCRIMINATE USE OF THE OIL WEAPON.
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